We currently have an MMSI enabled radio. This number was received through Boat US and we intend on cruising out of the country. Requiring us go get new numbers and reprogramming is a potential problem since these radios can only be programmed twice and then they must be returned to the factory. It would be much more reasonable to do a relatively minor computer reprogramming at the FCC than having thousands (probably many more than that) of radio operators reprogramming their radios (potential errors) and many having to reprogram multiple radios. Some as stated above will be without a radio due to having to send the unit back at a cost.